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Summary

Stuck in space! Our guardians are trapped on the space station since the Sage's spells to get them back to Lyngarth aren't working. While Kaz doesn't mind most of them, he is jealous of how close Snap, a new girl, and Torra, a girl he once had a crush on, have gotten in the past month. He later speaks to Torra about his feelings, learns that Torra has a new girlfriend, and Snap's secret...of sorts. When he starts to understand what Snap means, he and Torra are called into duty to protect the Colossus. They must stop a band of space pirates led by Tam's former comrade, Rucklin, who survived the destruction of a Star Destroyer, and is out for revenge.

Notes

Like Part I, in this story, Snapdragon uses she/her pronouns, and while Snap used he/him pronouns in the show proper, it was prior to her transition, with Snap confirmed by her voice actor and the show's creator as a trans woman. I also started using "Ryllis" as an abbreviation for Amaryllis after the show's creator, Raye Rodriguez, began using it on Twitter.

Comments are welcome and appreciated.

Update on 12/14/24: This fic has been cross-posted on Squidge World. The revisions made there have been reposted here, in order to update this fic. This fic has also been posted on Quotev and Wattpad.

See the end of the work for more notes

One month had passed. There was *no progress* in them getting home. Sage had tried every spell she knew. Nothing seemed to be working. She had become even more frustrated, with Rose trying to make sure her friend didn't fall into a bad funk. Kaz didn't mind Rose, Parsley, Sage, Thyme, or even Amaryllis.

However, he was *envious* of how close Snap had gotten to Torra. What were they *really* doing together? He confided this to his mechanic friend, Nekku, as they walked back from Acquisitions.

"Torra is spending more time with that new girl...Snapdragon is her name...after everything I've done with her, *how* can she be so chummy with a person she only met so recently?"

Neeku tried to laugh. Not seeing any response from his friend, he tried to cheer him up.

"It appears you are jealous, Kaz...*just tell* Torra how you feel."

Kaz grumbled. He knew that his friend was right. He always had the best advice.

"Thanks, Neeku...I should be honest with her."

He left the mechanic shop to find her, wherever she was on the platform.

Yeager came in. He didn't see Kaz around. "Neeku, do you know where Kaz went?" he asked.

Neeku told him the truth. "Kaz went to find Torra...he needs to tell her something."

Yeager groused. Without a doubt, Kaz had changed since he came to the platform. Even so, he *always* continued to find ways to get out of work. That part of him had remained the same.

Kaz searched every nook and cranny. He couldn’t find her anywhere. He went to the last place where he guessed she'd be: *her room*. He gulped. He guessed that Snap would be inside, and he'd have to say all these things in front of her.

"Hey, Torra, are you in there?"

She enthusiastically opened the door. Then, her expression turned dour. "Oh, Kaz, it's *you*." He breathed deeply. He saw Snap sitting in the room patiently. This would be awkward.

"So, uh, I want to apologize for how I've been acting recently…"

Snap got up and started to leave. She didn't think it was her place to be there. She didn't want to get entangled in Torra and Kaz's strained friendship. She didn't need that drama in her life. Torra held her hand *tightly*. She whispered, "please don't go." Snap decided to stay.

Kaz continued. "I guess I'm jealous at how fast you and Snapdragon *have hit it off*."

Torra's expression changed quickly. She let out a howl of laughter. That was the reason Kaz had been avoiding her? Man, he could be *childish*.

"Oh, Kaz, we are still friends. Snap is my new uh...friend...that shouldn't affect our friendship. You know I still care about you."

Snap rolled her eyes. She knew what Kaz was really saying. She decided to make it clear.

"Uh, Torra, Kaz is saying these things because he *thinks* you have feelings for him...in not those words though."

Torra was genuinely surprised to hear that. Is that really what he thought? She had to know. "Is that what you are saying?"

Kaz nodded. He couldn't lie to her. Neeku had told him to be upfront about his feelings and he followed that advice.

Torra snickered. "Kaz, I've *never* thought of you…that way...you are a dear friend to me...let's remain friends."

Kaz was fine with that. He didn't need any relationship drama right now. There was enough going on in the galaxy. However, she *may* have had feelings for him deep down. She wouldn't be willing to admit in front of Snap and hadn't figured out herself.

"I'll be straight with you, Kaz, I am in a relationship...a romantic one," Torra remarked. Kaz raised an eyebrow. Who could Torra be talking about? *He had no clue*, even though the signs were extremely obvious.

"It's me, you dullard," Snap exclaimed. Remaining *confused*, she then gave Torra a peck on the cheek. Torra gave her a smooch on the lips in response. It clicked in Kaz's brain. He understood it better now.

He nervously chuckled and scratched his head. "Sorry, I'm bad at spotting these things...I wish *the best* for both of you."

Torra saw that Kaz was a bit disappointed. She wanted him to stay.

"Would you like to play this new virtual reality game I got?"

He nodded. What could be the harm in that? He wanted to get to know Snap better.

Kaz hadn't come across many same-sex couples on his time on the *Colossus*, apart from Orka and Flix. Maybe there were others out there, just like Orka and Flix. *He didn't know.*

Torra, Snap, and Kaz had a wonderful time playing the virtual reality game, named Magic Moon Warrior, together. The wide eyes of Buggles watched them. He barked happily, running around the room. He snuggled with each of them.

As she turned off the game, Snap said quietly, "promise to keep this a secret." He nodded. He *wasn't exactly* sure what he was agreeing to. He felt it was worth it to learn more about her.

"I'm…transgender," she said. He was confused.

He had no idea what that word meant. Torra was about to jump in, as she had heard this before. She decided to let Snap take the lead on this one.

"When I was born, the doctors said I was a man, and I lived my life out like that for a while. As I grew older, and with the help of my friends, I came to the realization that I am a full-blooded woman."

She sighed, then added, "Every week, I take transition magic to make sure that I am embodying *my true self* as a woman, rather than a man."

When Snap had first talked about it, *a month ago*, Torra was intrigued. Her mind was opened to possibility. You could be something other than what you were assigned at birth? That thought had never crossed her mind. No one had ever challenged her thinking on that, not her father, her mother, or any of her friends. Perhaps her bodily characteristics aligned with society. Or maybe just those on the platform, considered it proper for men and women to have specific attributes, activities, behaviors, and roles, each on their own.

Back then, she came to the realization that she was a woman through and through. When she heard Snap's explanation, she began to question herself. She and Snap worked through their fears, insecurities, and dysphoria. As it turned out, Torra was comfortable with being a woman. She did not want, or need, to transition. Snap was completely fine with that. She reminded Torra that nothing is permanent and that everyone's identity is fluid, as it can change over time. Torra liked that freedom. Every moment she spent with Snap she liked her more.

Kaz didn't totally grasp what "transgender" meant. While he clearly had a lot to learn, he continued to believe that any friend of Torra was a friend of his. As such, he would try to respect those friends for who they were, no matter what. Everyone on the *Colossus* was a family of sorts and helped one another.

As he prepared himself to tell her he'd like them to hang out, a siren began blaring. Torra stared at Snap. She knew what this meant. The platform was in trouble. They all needed to fight. She began preparing herself.

"Space pirates are approaching the *Colossus*," Captain Doza said over the intercom. "We must defend this ship at all costs. We cannot let them board! Everyone to your battle stations! Aces, prepare to launch at my mark." Up on the command deck, Doza cursed a blue streak. He *knew* that it was trouble that space pirates were in their quadrant.

"Sir, we are receiving a transmission," his robot, 4D-M1N, told him. "Patch them through."

A familiar face came onto the screen. It was Jace Rucklin, once a racer on the platform and then a pilot for the First Order, who flew a TIE fighter. He *snickered*.

"Nice to see you again…Captain Doza. I am only here for one person: Tamara Ryvora. If you hand her over, we will leave you be."

Doza was astounded by the request. Why would he ever think that they would hand over Tam? "I'm sorry, I can't do that. I will *not* negotiate with…pirates."

Rucklin expected this outcome. He shouted back. "Fine! If you won't give her up willingly, we will take her by force! You will be sorry you messed with the Rucklin' Raiders!" Doza ended the transmission.

He declared, "fire the forward batteries, NOW!" The cannon projectiles, sent from the *Colossus,* began moving toward the pirate ship at an incredible rate of speed. It happened to be ray-shielded, although their shield couldn't last forever. As a result, the bombardment from the ship's guns had little to no effect.

Doza realized that launching the platform's fighters was their only choice. He worried that a few of the Aces *might not* make it back because of the ray shielding.

"Aces, launch. Take out that pirate ship at all costs! We need to destroy its ray shield!"

Quickly making their way to the hangar and boarding their ships, the aces, including Torra, were ready. They launched one by one. Their starfighters screamed out of the *Colossus* and into outer space. The pirate ship continued to move closer to the platform. Sage watched this from the hangar bay in utter terror. She did not want her friends to die. Breathing deeply, she prepared herself to strike.

"Uh, Sage, what are you doing?" Rose asked. She shook her head and motioned her away. She could not let *anything* get in the way of her concentration. Rose understood and solemnly stepped away. Without even uttering a word, a blue beam emitted from her staff. It passed through the shield protecting them from outer space. It began to approach the pirate ship. On board, one of pirates tried to warn Rucklin. But he dismissed them.

"I cannot afford any distractions…we must complete this mission! The *Colossus* will be mine!"

The pirate shook his head and tried to turn the ship manually. It was too late. The blast from Sage had gone through the ray shield. It had ignited the fuel magazines. Rucklin realized what was wrong. He shouted to his fellow crew mates. "Abandon ship, I repeat, *abandon ship*!"

The pirates scrambled to the escape pods. The fire raging inside the ship had miraculously sealed the pods shut. They were trapped. Rucklin spun their ship around and began to retreat. The Aces were confused. Why had the ship ceased its attack?

Captain Doza knew what this meant. "Sir, I am detecting a *huge energy build-up* inside the pirate vessel," his droid assistant, 4D-M1N, said. Upon hearing this, he pressed a button. The cannons of *Colossus* ended their bombardment.

He immediately issued a new command. "Aces, cease your attack. Return to the *Colossus* at once." There were OK with this outcome. There had already been a feeling that the fight was hopeless, since the pirate ship was ray shielded, with their attacks doing jack squat. None of them were aware that the enemy ship was on the verge of destruction. Only moments after they had landed, the ray shields dropped. The ship began smoking. It then exploded in a huge, beautiful display of red, orange, and yellow colors. Pieces from the vessel littered space. The *Colossus* had been spared, for now.

Everyone on board cheered. Tam shouted "Rucklin, that's what' yau get', yau traitoraus wanker!"

For Synara San it was bittersweet. She felt kinship for the pirates. On the other hand, she would have killed them *without any remorse* if they had tried to hurt any of her friends on the platform. Sage collapsed onto the ground, exhausted from this use of energy. Rose came running over to her, as did Parsley and Thyme.

"Are you okay, buddy?" Parsley asked.

Thyme added, "she doesn't look too good."

Rose shrieked. "Someone, anyone, we gotta get her to a doctor!" Everything that happened next seemed like a blur. She wasn't sure who, but one of her friends carried her to the medical bay. When she woke up, she was lying in a bed, surrounded by Parsley, Thyme, Rose, Ryllis, Snap, and Snap's girlfriend, Torra.

Rose was pacing across the room. She wanted to make sure her friend (or *more than a friend*), a person she loved deeply with all her heart, was okay. As Sage opened her eyes, Rose came rushing to her side. "Sage, you're awake!" Stretching and yawning, she saw everyone around her and blushed. She couldn't believe that so many cared about her. It was really embarrassing. She wanted to go home.

"Why…are you all here? I fell down...it's not a big deal," she remarked. Everyone gave her the *are-you-serious look*.

Torra chuckled and said, "I don't know you that well, Sage, but you saved our sorry asses out there...whatever you did, it *destroyed that pirate ship*. They won't be going after us anymore."

This made Sage shutter. Was it like the death of the lake serpent again? Did she use her power without it being controlled? How many people had she killed? She was beside herself.

Rose hugged her. She whispered, "it's gonna be OK, Sage, it's gonna be fine." That calmed her down. She didn't want to think about the pirate ship *ever again.*

Captain Doza walked into the room. "Thank you, Miss, for what you did today…the crew of the *Colossus* can't thank you enough…if there is anything we can do, we'll try to repay your debt to us."

She grumbled. She knew it would be a tall order. She believed it was worth a try. This platform was a spaceship, *right*? "I'd...like to go home."

He grumbled. He then bowed. He respected her for everything she did that day. "We will do everything we can to get you back," he said.

As he walked out of the room, everyone crowded around her. They hugged her and gave her the love she needed.

Suddenly, massive whale-like creatures with bluish-purple skin appeared out of nowhere. They grabbed a hold of the ship. "Sir, these creatures have us in their grasp, they aren't letting go!" 4D-M1N shouted. Without warning, their tentacles began to pulsate. The *Colossus* was pulled into hyperspace. Not knowing where in the universe the ship would go, Doza ordered them to keep the ship *on lockdown*. Those on the platform began huddling in fear.

Torra said, "I don't know what's going on...my dad can figure this out." The platform was lurched out of hyperspace. The creatures had dissipated into thin air. The engines began to sputter.

Doza began speaking. His voice projected through the ship's intercom system. Every resident aboard could hear his words.

"Residents of the *Colossus*, the purrgil brought us to the planet of Lothal. However, they *unintentionally* damaged our engines. We are on free fall toward the planet's surface. Brace yourselves!"

Sage believed she could save them once again with her magic. She destroyed the pirate ship, so how hard could this be? As she tried to cast a spell, she collapsed onto the floor.

"I'm too weak...my energy is too drained! I'm so sorry, everyone...I can't save anyone." Rose held her tightly. She kissed her on the cheek.

Whether they would die or not, Rose would be with her *until the end*. "You are doing fine. Don't worry, we will be okay," Rose softly said.

Snap, Ryllis, and Torra huddled in fear, while Thyme and Parsley cuddled with one another, expecting the end to be near.

What remained for them next was anyone's guess. Would they live and survive on a planet with its temperate climate, with its grassy plains, forests, farmlands, gentle seas, and snow-capped mountains? Or would the *Colossus* descend as a fireball, hit the planet surface, killing, or maiming them instantly? Only time would tell their fate would be on... Lothal.

End Notes

I used the "Tamara Ryvora," "Torra Doza," "Purrgil," and "Lothal" pages on Wookieepedia, the "Torra's quarters," "Buggles," and "Flight Simulator Squadron" pages on starwars.com. I adapted the definition of transgender by GLAAD into this story, to make sure I was using the most accurate definition possible. Of course, there are other definitions, but I'd say this one is pretty credible. In this story, let's say that Rucklin survived the destruction of the Star Destroyer in the final episode of Resistance... I mean, it was possible he did, I guess, right? I also used dcode.fr again, meaning that the British Translator & Slang Dictionary wasn't necessary.

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